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Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR) Confirmation No.: Unassigned
EXCLUDING ENTRY OF DEBRIS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No.
PCT/FI2003/000694, filed September 24, 2003.

It is contemplated that this Application be prosecuted while using Claims 1 to 4 that were submitted on December 15, 2004 during the international phase of the examination as further amended herein.